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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
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Fall Creek Hydro, LLC, Oregon

Project No. 12778-004

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission or FERC's) regulations, 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 Federal Register 47,897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for an original license to construct the Fall Creek Dam Hydroelectric Project and has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA). The proposed 10-megawatt project would be located on Fall Creek in Lane County, Oregon, near the towns of Springfield and Eugene, at an existing dam operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The proposed project, if licensed, would occupy a total of 6.53 acres of federal land.

The draft EA includes the staff's analysis of the potential environmental effects of licensing the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the draft EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's web site at www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free number at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, 202-502-8659.

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Dated: March 12, 2013

Kimberly D. Bose,
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